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## **Weekly Message from Superintendent Ritz August 22, 2016**

Last week, I presented the Indiana Department of Education's budget request for the upcoming biennium. Among other things, our budget requested:

- Funding for high-quality, public and private pre-K,
- An increase in funding for small schools, and
- An increase in spending on technology.

Budgets reflect priorities, and there is no greater priority than our children and the investments that we need to make in their future. That is why we have requested this in addition to providing a 2% yearly increase in tuition support for our public schools.

In addition, the Department is seeking to end the textbook tax on Hoosier families by providing a \$1,000 tax deduction. Currently, this deduction is only available to the parents of children in private schools. This tax break is projected to save Hoosiers more than \$60 million of the course of the budget.



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You can find more information about the [proposed budget on our website](#).

Have a great week!

Glenda Ritz, NBCT  
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### ESSA Flexibility Waiver Related News

The comment period to the U.S. Department of Education on proposed rulemaking pertaining to Title I, Part A and Title I, Part B closes on 9/09/2016. The proposed rules can be found at US ED's website. The Comment period on proposed rulemaking on Accountability and State Plans closed on Monday, August 1st. Please frequently visit [IDOE's ESSA webpage](#), for the latest information regarding Indiana's ESSA planning activities.

If you have any questions, please contact Federal Relations Director Jeff Coyne at [jcoyne@doe.in.gov](mailto:jcoyne@doe.in.gov).



Through the Hoosier Family of Readers initiative, students and their families across the state have unlimited access to reading material on [myON](#).

### IDOE Memoranda

**NEW - 2016-17 Formative Assessment Grant:** The Indiana Department of Education is pleased to announce to public school corporations, charter schools and accredited nonpublic schools that the Formative Assessment Grant *Request to Participate* form for grades K - 10 opens on **August 22, 2016** and closes on **September 16, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern)**. The information below provides more details regarding the process and resources created to support your local choices. Please feel free to contact the Office of Student Assessment via email at [FormativeAssessments@doe.in.gov](mailto:FormativeAssessments@doe.in.gov) regarding any questions or requests for assistance.

- [Formative Assessment Grant Request to Participate Form Overview WebEx Recording](#)
- [Formative Assessment Grant Request to Participate Form Overview WebEx PowerPoint](#)
- [Formative Assessment Grant FAQs](#)
- [\(Application Form\) Formative Assessment Grant Request to Participate Form](#)
- [Instructions: 2016-17 Formative Assessment Grant Request to Participate Form](#)
- [How to Re-open Request to Participate Form Instructions](#)

- [Formative Assessment Website](#)

**NEW - Designating Test Coordinator** Each school year, Superintendents and Nonpublic/Charter/Choice School Principals are asked to designate one person as the main point-of-contact to receive assessment-related information and updates. This staff member is known as the **Corporation Test Coordinator (CTC)**. Your CTC is the key to ensuring receipt of accurate, specific, and up-to-date details regarding Indiana assessment programs. Please designate your CTC by Friday, September 2, 2016. Please refer to the following documents for more information:

- [Memorandum](#)
- [DOE Online Directions](#)
- [Assessment Roles, Responsibilities](#)

**NEW - ISTEP+ Grade 10 Cut Scores** The State Board of Education has approved cut scores for ISTEP+ Grade 10 English/Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science assessments. Please refer to the following [memorandum](#) for more information.

**NEW - ISTEP+ Grades 3-8, 10: Online, Paper/Pencil Mode Scoring Adjustments** The State Board of Education has approved Online and Paper/Pencil mode effect adjustments to the Spring 2016 ISTEP+ scale scores. Please refer to the following [memorandum](#) for more information.

**NEW - ISTEP+ Grade 10 Rescore Information** The rescore window for ISTEP+ Grade 10 English/Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science assessments is September 2-16, 2016. Please refer to the following [memorandum](#) for more information.

**NEW - ISTEP+ Spring 2016: Accessing Part 1 Items and Student Responses** The ISTEP+ Spring 2016 Part 1 released items and rubrics make great instructional tools! Please refer to the following [document](#) for helpful ideas. Schools may also use their students' actual ISTEP+ Part 1 responses as instructional tools, as well. Please refer to the following [memorandum](#) for more information.

**NEW - Textbook Reimbursement Claim Form 2016-17** Please submit the "Summary of Costs and Reimbursement Claim Form 2016-17 School Textbook Material Costs and Eligible Student Counts" and student level data electronically between September 30 and October 31, 2016. Beginning this year, the Department will accept submissions of the signed claim form electronically. The Department will no longer accept hard copy information. Information on the submission process can be found in the textbook layout in the Data Collection and Reporting Community of the Learning Connection. Attached are the [Public School Memorandum](#), the [Non-Public School Memorandum](#), the [Public School Claim Form](#) and the [Non-Public School Claim Form](#). If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Ambre at [mambre@doe.in.gov](mailto:mambre@doe.in.gov).

**Indiana Kids Election** is being sponsored by the Indiana Department of Education. Indiana law (IC 20-30-5-4) requires that all Indiana schools teach election materials during a year when a general election takes place. Participation in this program is one way that schools can meet this statutory requirement. More information can be found [in the attached memorandum](#).

**Staff Performance Evaluation Plan Submission** Legal Standard 12

requires each public school corporation school to provide a copy of its entire staff performance evaluation plan to the Indiana Department of Education. The evaluation plans must be submitted through DOE Online for Accreditation Legal Standard 12 by September 15, 2016. Charter schools submit their staff performance evaluation plans via email to [charterevaluation@doe.in.gov](mailto:charterevaluation@doe.in.gov). For additional information, [please see the attached memorandum](#). Submissions must include a completed [IDOE Evaluation Plan Submission Coversheet 2016-2017](#) (attached). Contact Caitlin Beatson at [cbeatson@doe.in.gov](mailto:cbeatson@doe.in.gov) with questions

**Back-to-School Teachers' Toolbox** The [August issue of the Teachers' Toolbox](#) is now available. Filled with instructional resources for educators, this issue has curated content for educators at any level or subject area.

**School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Student Achievement Plan (SAP)** Submission Per P.L. 221, all Indiana public schools must annually submit a school improvement plan. School Improvement Plans (SIP) for SY 16-17 will be due October 1, 2016. For Focus/Priority Schools, Student Achievement Plans (SAP) are also due October 1, 2016. Please see the [attached memorandum](#) for further guidance for schools to submit the SIP/SAP through DOE Online or [AdvancED](#).

**Zika Virus Updates and Resources** - There are several viruses that can be spread by mosquito bites such as dengue, chikungunya and the Zika virus. IDOE has a [Zika Virus Prevention webpage](#) that houses resources for schools and school districts to use as a reference for preventing the spread of these diseases.

If you have additional questions, please contact Jenny Berry at [jberry@doe.in.gov](mailto:jberry@doe.in.gov).

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## Professional Development

### **NEW - Indiana School Social Worker Association Fall Conference**

INSSWA is having a fall conference celebrating their 20th anniversary on September 23, 2016 in Greenwood. The conference will include workshops, keynote speakers and opportunities for networking. More information can be found on the [INSSWA website](#).

**Writing Pathways to Disciplinary Learning** Participants will leave at the end of the day with "writing to learn" activities and an assignment design that they can implement in their courses and perhaps even during the Fall '16 semester. The focus of the conference will be on writing in the discipline with an emphasis on the connection among writing, critical thinking and reading. [More information can be found in the brochure](#).

**Ball State Field Trips** is creating a free iPad app and live television broadcast for students across Indiana to help them learn more about Indiana's bicentennial celebration. Learn more on the website for [Ball State Field Trips](#).

**National Career Pathways Network Conference** The NCPN conference (Oct 5-7) is in Indianapolis this year and will offer a full day of preconference workshops on Career Pathways, CTE, business-education partnerships, and other important topics. [More information can be found on their website](#).

**Indiana School Counselor Regional Workshops** Information

regarding the registration for school counselor regional workshops has been posted on the Department's website. Those interested in registering will be asked to complete a short survey before being directed to the registration page. More information can be found in the [attached memorandum on School Counselor Workshops](#).

**Bicentennial during the 2016-2017 school year, 4<sup>th</sup> Graders,** This is a great opportunity for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classrooms during the first school semester. The Indiana State House Tour Office, in conjunction with the Indiana Center for the Book, holds an essay competition to commemorate Indiana Statehood Day each year. Indiana's 200th birthday is December 11, 2016. Winners of the essay contest are honored at a Statehood Day Celebration at one of four participating locations in downtown Indianapolis. For more information, please visit the [Bicentennial website](#).

**National Alliance for Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP)** 2016 National Conference in Louisville, KY. October 16-18, 2016, Louisville, KY For Information please visit the [NACEP website](#).

**Indiana State Library's INSPIRE Digital Literacy Resource,** [INSPIRE](#) has licensed TeachingBooks.net - a service that enhances your literacy work with instructional and primary source materials about the books and authors your students are reading. To learn more register for INSPIRE Webinars covering a variety of topics including Indiana reading lists, cross curricular resources and more. For more information about this resource, visit [the Teaching Books website](#).

**Indiana Education Service Centers** offer a variety of professional development opportunities. To learn more about professional learning opportunities in your area, visit the website of an Education Service Center in your area.

- [Region 8 Education Service Center](#)
- [Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Northwest Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Southern Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [East Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [West Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Wabash Valley Education Service Center](#)
- [Wilson Education Center ESC Region 2](#)

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## Information from Other Agencies

**NEW - Happy Birthday Indiana** The Indiana State Library is encouraging fourth grade students from around the state to tap into their creativity and be part of a special "Happy Birthday, Indiana" manuscript collection. This collection will examine Indiana history through a child's perspective and will be preserved for future generations at the Indiana

State Library. More information can be found on the [Indiana State Library's website](#).

**#KickRxAbuse Challenge** The Indiana Attorney General is inviting students to participate in a video challenge to combat prescription drug abuse. [More information is available on the AG's website](#).

**Dear Indiana School Teachers:** It is "Back to School" time, start off the year with a memorable educational fieldtrip to the 2016 Indiana State Fair. The Indiana State Fair Fieldtrips are an opportunity for Classroom and Home Educators to enhance curriculum by utilizing an educational experience that cannot be accomplished in the classroom setting. New this year, educators will be able to create a unique self-guided fieldtrip experience by selecting from participating exhibits at the Fair. Educators will be equipped with activities and ideas that can build upon the students' exploration and interaction at the Indiana State Fair. Fieldtrips require pre-registration and 15 or more students to participate. Learn more at the [Indiana State Fair Website](#).

**[This week on The Friday Zone](#)** - Meet a 2nd grade class that is learning lessons in American Sign Language. Students will explain how it's working and teach signs that anyone can use. The Friday Zone is a weekly program on Indiana PBS stations that uses hands-on demonstrations to teach children in grades K-2 principles drawn from state educational standards. Check your local station for times. [Get free PBS KIDS app cards](#) by completing our viewer survey at [fridayzone.org](#).

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